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Coast Guard

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Special Local Regulation, 50 Aniversario Balneario de Boqueron, Bahia de Boqueron; Boqueron, PR

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a special local regulation on the waters of Bahia de Boqueron in Boqueron, PR during the 50 Aniversario Balneario de Boqueron, a high speed boat race. The event is scheduled to take place on Sunday, May 5, 2013. Approximately 40 high-speed power boats will be participating in the races. It is anticipated that 5 spectator crafts will be present during the races. The special local regulation is necessary for the safety of race participants, participant vessels, spectators, and the general public during the event. The special local regulation will establish the following three areas: a high speed boat race area, where all persons and vessels, except those persons and vessels participating in the high-speed boat races, are prohibited from entering, transiting through, anchoring in, or remaining within;

a buffer zone around the race area, where all persons and vessels, except those persons and vessels enforcing the buffer zone or authorized participants transiting to their authorized the race area, are prohibited from entering, transiting through, anchoring in, or remaining within; and a spectator area, where all vessels are prohibited from anchoring and from traveling in excess of wake speed, unless authorized by the Captain of the Port San Juan or a designated representative.

DATES: This rule is effective on May 5, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble are part of docket USCG-2013-0297. To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to

<http://www.regulations.gov>, type the docket number in the "SEARCH" box and click "SEARCH." Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rulemaking. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or e-mail Lieutenant Lina Anderson, Sector San Juan Prevention Department, Coast Guard; telephone (787) 289-8679, e-mail Lina.R.Anderson@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Barbara Hairston, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone (202) 366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Table of Acronyms

DHS	Department of Homeland Security
FR	Federal Register
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

A. Regulatory Information

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary final rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment pursuant to authority under section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). This provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are "impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest. Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because the Coast Guard did not receive necessary information about the event with sufficient time to publish an NPRM and to receive public comments prior to the event. Any delay in the effective date of this rule would be contrary to the public interest because immediate action is needed to minimize potential danger to the race participants, participant vessels, spectators and the general public.

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the Federal Register for the same reasons discussed above.

B. Basis and Purpose

The legal basis for the rule is the Coast Guard's authority to establish special local regulations: 33 U.S.C. 1233. The purpose of the rule is to ensure safety of life on navigable waters of the United States during the 50 Aniversario Balneario de Boqueron.

C. Discussion of the Final Rule

On May 5, 2013, Municipio de Cabo Rojo is sponsoring the 50 Aniversario Balneario de Boqueron, a series of high-speed boat races. The races will be held on the waters of Bahia de Boqueron in Boqueron, PR. Approximately 40 high-speed power boats will be participating in the races. It is anticipated that approximately 5 spectator vessels will be present during the races.

The special local regulation encompasses certain waters of Bahia de Boqueron in Boqueron, PR and will be enforced from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on May 5, 2013. The special local regulation consists of the following three areas: (1) a high-speed boat race area, where all persons and vessels, except those persons and vessels participating in the high-speed boat races, are prohibited from entering, transiting through, anchoring in, or remaining within; (2) a buffer zone around the race areas, where all persons and vessels, except those persons and vessels enforcing the buffer zone or authorized participants transiting to the race area, are prohibited from entering, transiting through, anchoring in, or remaining within; and (3) a spectator

area, where all vessels are prohibited from anchoring or traveling in excess of wake speed unless authorized by the Captain of the Port San Juan or a designated representative. Persons and vessels may request authorization to enter, transit through, anchor in, or remain within the race area, or buffer zone; or to anchor or travel in excess of wake speed in the spectator area by contacting the Captain of the Port San Juan by telephone at (787) 289-2041, or a designated representative via VHF radio on channel 16. If authorization to enter, transit through, anchor in, or remain within the race area, or buffer zone; or to anchor or travel in excess of wake speed in the spectator area, is granted by the Captain of the Port San Juan or a designated representative, all persons and vessels receiving such authorization must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port San Juan or a designated representative. The Coast Guard will provide notice of the special local regulations by Local Notice to Mariners, Broadcast Notice to Mariners, and on-scene designated representatives.

D. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this rule after considering numerous statutes and executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on these statutes and executive orders.

1. Regulatory Planning and Review

This rule is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and

Review, as supplemented by Executive Order 13563, Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review, and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of Executive Order 12866 or under section 1 of Executive Order 13563. The Office of Management and Budget has not reviewed it under those Orders.

The economic impact of this rule is not significant for the following reasons: (1) the special local regulation will be enforced for only seven hours; (2) although persons and vessels will not be able to enter, transit through, anchor in, or remain within the race area and buffer zone, or anchor in the spectator area, without authorization from the Captain of the Port San Juan or a designated representative, they may operate in the surrounding area during the enforcement period; (3) persons and vessels may still enter, transit through, anchor in, or remain within the race area and buffer zone, or anchor in the spectator area, during the enforcement period if authorized by the Captain of the Port San Juan or a designated representative; and (4) the Coast Guard will provide advance notification of the special local regulations to the local maritime community by Local Notice to Mariners and Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

2. Impact on Small Entities

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601-612, as amended, requires federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small entities during

rulemaking. The term "small entities" comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000. The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

This rule may affect the following entities, some of which may be small entities: the owners or operators of vessels intending to enter, transit through, anchor in, or remain within that portion of Bahia de Boqueron encompassed within the special local regulation from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on May 5, 2013. For the reasons discussed in the Regulatory Planning and Review section above, this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

3. Assistance for Small Entities

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this rule. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT, above.

Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with,

Federal regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency's responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 1-888-REG-FAIR (1-888-734-3247). The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

4. Collection of Information

This rule will not call for a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520).

5. Federalism

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. We have analyzed this rule under that Order and determined that this rule does not have implications for federalism.

6. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to contact the person listed in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without

jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places or vessels.

7. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531-1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of \$100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

8. Taking of Private Property

This rule will not cause a taking of private property or otherwise have taking implications under Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

9. Civil Justice Reform

This rule meets applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation, eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

10. Protection of Children

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This rule is not an economically significant rule and does not create an environmental risk to health or risk to safety

that may disproportionately affect children.

11. Indian Tribal Governments

This rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes.

12. Energy Effects

This action is not a "significant energy action" under Executive Order 13211, Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use.

13. Technical Standards

This rule does not use technical standards. Therefore, we did not consider the use of voluntary consensus standards.

14. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 023-01 and Commandant Instruction M16475.1D, which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321-4370f), and have determined that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This rule involves a special local regulation issued in conjunction with a regatta

or marine parade. This rule is categorically excluded under paragraph 34(h) and 35(b) of Figure 2-1 of the Commandant Instruction. An environmental analysis checklist supporting this determination and a Categorical Exclusion Determination are available in the docket where indicated under ADDRESSES. We seek any comments or information that may lead to the discovery of a significant environmental impact from this rule.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security Measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 100 as follows:

PART 100--SAFETY OF LIFE ON NAVIGABLE WATERS

1. The authority citation for part 100 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1233.

2. Add a temporary § 100.35T07-0297 to read as follows:

§ 100.35T07-0297 Special Local Regulation, 50 Aniversario Balneario de Boqueron, Bahia de Boqueron; Boqueron, PR.

(a) Regulated Areas. The following regulated areas are established as a special local regulation. All coordinates are North American Datum 1983.

(1) Race Area. All waters of the Bahia de Boqueron, Boqueron, Puerto Rico encompassed within an imaginary line connecting the following points: starting at Point 1 in position

18°01.030'N, 67°10.466'W; thence west to Point 2 in position 18°01.048'N 67°10.535'W; thence southwest to Point 3 in position 18°00.770'N, 67°10.683'W; thence east to point 4 in position 18°00.750'N, 67°10.611'N; thence northwest back to origin. All persons and vessels, except those persons and vessels participating in the high-speed boat race, are prohibited from entering, transiting, anchoring, or remaining within the race area.

(2) Buffer Zone. All waters of the Bahia de Boqueron, Boqueron, Puerto Rico encompassed within an imaginary line connecting the following points: starting at Point 1 in position 18°01.099'N, 67°10.540'W; thence southwest to Point 2 in position 18°00.756'N 67°10.731'W; thence east to Point 3 in position 18°00.716'N, 67°10.581'W; thence northeast to point 4 in position 18°01.069'N, 67°10.401'N; thence west back to origin. All persons and vessels except those persons and vessels enforcing the buffer zone are prohibited from entering, transiting through, anchoring in, or remaining within the buffer zone, with the exception of authorized race participants transiting to or from the race area.

(3) Spectator Area. All waters of the Bahia de Boqueron excluding the race area and the buffer zone, encompassed within an imaginary line connecting the following points: starting at Point 1 in position 18°00.977'N, 67°10.392'W; thence southwest to Point 2 in position 18°00.780'N, 67°10.481'W; thence east to Point 3 in position 18°00.780'N, 67°10.464'W; thence northeast to

Point 3 in position 18°00.977'N, 67°10.385'W; thence west back to origin. All persons and vessels are prohibited from traveling in excess of wake speed and anchoring within the spectator area. On-scene designated representatives will direct spectator vessels to the spectator area.

(b) Definition. The term "designated representative" means Coast Guard Patrol Commanders, including Coast Guard coxswains, petty officers, and other officers operating Coast Guard vessels, and Federal, state, and local officers designated by or assisting the Captain of the Port San Juan in the enforcement of the regulated areas.

(c) Regulations.

(1) Except for those persons and vessels participating in the race, all persons and vessels are prohibited from entering, transiting through, anchoring in, or remaining within the race area. Except for those persons and vessels enforcing the buffer zone, or authorized participants transiting to or from the race area, all persons and vessels are prohibited from entering, transiting through, anchoring in, or remaining within the buffer area. All persons are prohibited from anchoring in, or traveling in excess of wake speed in the spectator area. Persons and vessels may request authorization to enter, transit through, anchor in, remain within the regulated areas, or to travel in excess of wake speed or anchor in the spectator area, by contacting the Captain of the Port San Juan by telephone at (787)

289-2041, or a designated representative via VHF radio on channel 16. If authorization is granted by the Captain of the Port San Juan or a designated representative, all persons and vessels receiving such authorization must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port San Juan or a designated representative.

(2) The Coast Guard will provide notice of the regulated areas by Local Notice to Mariners, Broadcast Notice to Mariners, and on-scene designated representatives.

(d) Enforcement Date. This rule will be enforced from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on May 5, 2013.

Dated: April 19, 2013

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